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- In about February or March 1951 the Ministry of National Defense ordered that all of the storage space in the Czechoslovak Freezing and Cooling Plants (Ceskoslovenske mrazirny a chladirny) be made available for the cold storage of meat. It was decided to distribute fruits and vegetables to retail outlets in order to clear the necessary space. About three weeks later the Ministry of National Defense cancelled the order because of insufficient deliveries of meat. The Czechoslovak Freezing and Cooling Plants have a capacity of 100,000 beef carcasses, each of 350 kg dead weight. By the end of March 1951 only 40 per cent of this weight of beef had been delivered to the plants.
- In June 1951 the Ministry of Food Industry decreed that all unused meat storage space as well as the space prepared for the storage of eggs be made ready to store butter being imported from the USSR. Because of unsatisfactory refrigeration in transit the Soviet butter, produced on kolchoz and sovchoz farms, must be filtered and homogenized upon receipt, with the resultant average loss of 30 per cent of the imported volume.
- The current stock of eggs in storage is 40 per cent of last year's volume. An import of eggs is expected from Poland. Eggs for industrial use are imported in barrels from China.

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